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SUBJ: CIVAIR - LANDING FEE INCREASE AT FRG AIRPORTS

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1. WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF FRG AUTHORITIES, THE MAJOR AIRPORTS IN THE FRG INTRODUCED A NEW SCALE OF LANDING FEES EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1976 WITH A BASIC 10 INCREASE PLUS 5 CHARGE FOR AIRCRAFT WHICH EXCEED NOISE CRITERIA IN ICAO ANNEX 16. THE NEW FEES WERE MADE APPLICABLE TO DOMESTIC FLIGHTS (WITH SPECIFIC MENTION OF BERLIN/WEST) AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS.

2. PAN AM APPROACHED THE CAAS REGARDING THE IMPACT ON THEIR IGS OPERATIONS IN MAY, BUT THE THREE CAAS DECIDED TO POSTPONE SURFACING THE ISSUE UNTIL AFTER THE IGS FARE INCREASE WAS INTRODUCED. BA SUBSEQUENTLY CONTACTED THE UK CAA, ASKING THAT THE ALLIED CAAS TAKE ACTION TO SEEK A ROLL BACK OF THE ENTIRE INCREASE FOR IGS OPERATIONS.

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3. OUR RECORDS SHOW A LONG ESTABLISHED PRACTICE

FOR IGS CARRIERS TO PAY THE LANDING FEE INCREASES AT FRG AIRPORTS. THUS THE CAAS CONCLUDED THERE WAS LITTLE BASIS FOR BA'S REQUEST. HOWEVER, WE DECIDED TO FOCUS ON THE NOISE CHARGE. THE THREE CAAS HAVE MADE A DEMARCHE TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE, STRESSING THAT VIRTUALLY ALL AIRCRAFT ON THE IGS SERVICES (B-727, BAC 1-11, AND CARAVELLE) DO NOT MEET ICAO ANNEX 16 CRITERIA, THAT A RETROFIT PROGRAM WOULD MEAN AN UNTENABLE ECONOMIC BURDEN FOR THE CARRIERS AND THE AIR SERVICES GENERALLY, AND THAT THE COST SENSITIVE NATURE OF THE IGS FARE STRUCTURE WOULD MEAN THAT SUCH COST INCREASES WOULD INEVITABLY RESULT IN A NEED FOR HIGHER REVENUES AND COULD MEAN HIGHER FARES FOR THE PASSENGERS. FRG AUTHORITIES WERE ASKED TO ASSIST IN GRANTING RELIEF FROM THIS ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR THE IGS CARRIERS. WE NOTED PREVIOUSLY GRANTED EXEMPTION OF IGS CARRIERS FROM THE PAYMENT OF THE "VARIABLE PORTION" OF THE LANDING FEES (PASSENGER SERVICE CHARGE IN THE AMOUNT OF DM 2.20 PER DOMESTIC PASSENGER).

4. THE PROBABLE OUTCOME OF THE DEMARCHE IS UNCERTAIN BECAUSE OF THE PROCEDURAL SET-UP IN THE FRG (AIRPORT COMPANIES - STATE GOVERNMENT AND FEDERAL AVIATION AUTHORITIES) AND IMMINENT BEGINNING OF THE HOLIDAY PERIOD. THE FRG REPLY WILL BE DELAYED FOR SOME TIME.

5. THE CAAS HAVE RECEIVED AN APPLICATION FROM THE BERLIN AIRPORT COMPANY (BFG), REQUESTING APPROVAL OF AN ANALOGOUS NOISE CHARGE AT THE BERLIN(WEST) AIRPORTS. THE PROBLEM IS A COMPLEX ONE, PARTIALLY BECAUSE OF STRONG PUBLIC SENTIMENT REGARDING AIRCRAFT NOISE IN BERLIN. HOWEVER, PRESENT CAA THINKING IS THAT THE CHARGE SHOULD NOT BE INTRODUCED AT BERLIN AIRPORTS.
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